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1. Josef Orlopp [redacted] in the East German Ministry of Foreign Trade, "resigned" [redacted]. He will probably be succeeded by Erich Freund of the same Ministry.
2. Orlopp's downfall is rumored to be the result of his conduct at the Leipzig Fair, where he is alleged to have talked too openly about the changes in the East German economic policy. The event is curiously reminiscent of Handke's<sup>1</sup> fall at the same time last year.
3. Frau Elli Schmidt, who has been in charge of the State Commission of Trade and Procurement, has also been relieved of her post for reasons unknown.

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1. [redacted] Comment: Possibly Georg Handke who was Minister of Foreign and Domestic Trade until September 1952 when he was removed from this office and sent to Rumania as Chief of the East German Diplomatic Mission.

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